PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT April 21, 2017

Background notes for Monday, April 24th Park and Recreation Commission Agenda

MEETING DATES

The April 24th meeting will start early at 6:30 PM and be held in the Café at Center at the Heights. The Commission will be attending the League of Women Voters Warrant Meeting at 7:30 PM.

The May 8th regular meeting date conflicts with Town Meeting, as well as the reception for the Melick Awards. The Commission will discuss an option at the meeting.

The May 22nd meeting will be held as scheduled, unless there is a conflict with Town Meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations on your re-election, and welcome back to the Commission Matt Toolan.

DeFAZIO PARKING LOT

Since the re-alignment of the parking barriers, most people parking at DeFazio appear to be following the pattern. We will continue to monitor the use, and determine whether additional barriers are needed. When the DPW fuel island project is done, a new pole will be needed to bring the electricity over to the fuel island, so we'll take the opportunity to add an additional light.

RESERVOIR ALL-PERSON TRAIL

The bids were opened this week, and there were nine submissions. Four of the bids were below the estimate, one was slightly above, and the final four were well-above the estimate. The apparent low bid is being evaluated and if all goes well, will be awarded the contract in May, if CPA funding is approved at Town Meeting. Work would begin this summer, with most of the project completed by winter. Some of the planting work may need to wait until spring, depending on weather conditions.

PARK RESTROOMS

The restrooms at DeFazio and Claxton were opened this week. The Cricket restrooms are turned on and ready for use by NHS teams at Cricket. The Mills restrooms are being readied to be opened and added to the cleaning schedule.